

# Mansfield: Home of the Mansfield State University Mountaineers in Tioga County PA

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**Start Location:** Smythe Park, 23 Dorsett Dr, Mansfield, PA. There is a Citgo gas station next to the park at the corner of Business Route 15 and Dorsett Dr. A good place to park and orient yourself is behind the Citgo, in the park – near the Smythe Park Gate House – or near the pavilion with the picnic tables (but look for signs for reserved parking and don't park there).

## Driving Directions:

From the south, take US-15 north past Williamsport, PA. Take exit 179 for PA-660W / Business Rt 15 toward Covington/Canoe Camp. Turn RIGHT onto US-15 Business / Main St. After about 2 miles, turn LEFT just after the Citgo Gas Station.

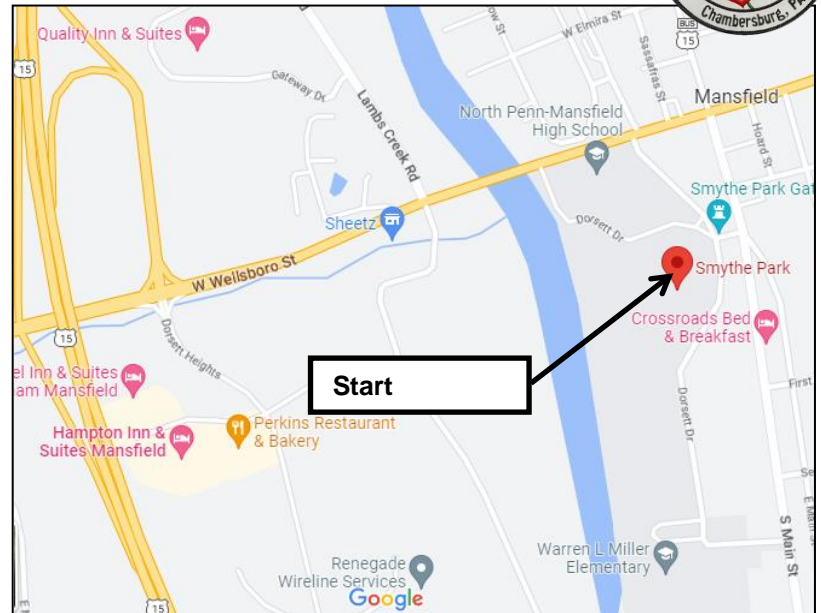
**Walk Description:** Mansfield is in Tioga County, PA and is home to Mansfield State University. This walk visits the campus of the University and some of the quiet neighborhoods of Mansfield. It criss-crosses the tiny downtown, explores several veterans memorials and crosses the Tioga River. Part of the 10K route walks along part of the Lambs Creek Hike & Bike Trail. Mansfield is an old town and some of the sidewalks are uneven. There are steps along this route and there are some roads that do not have sidewalks, so you will need to walk on the left side of the road in those sections.

## AVA Special Programs:

- Rockin' Around the Clock
- Par for the Course
- Walking with America's Veterans
- Town Halls/City Halls
- Rails-to-Trails (10K only)

**Restrooms:** There are portajohns available in Smythe Park at the start location. There are also some restroom opportunities along the walk including Alumni Hall on the campus of Mansfield University when open, the library (10K route only) when open and possibly businesses along the route.

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## 10K and 5K Volkswalk Route

Rated 2A

Emergency Contact: Call 911



1. To begin this walk, drive to Smythe Park, 23 Dorsett Dr, Mansfield, PA 16933. There is a Citgo gas station next to the park at the corner of Business Route 15 and Dorsett Dr. A good place to park and orient yourself is behind the Citgo, in the park – near the Smythe Park Gate House – or near the pavilion with the picnic tables (but look for signs for reserved parking and don't park there).

**SEASONAL PORTAJOHNS:** There might be seasonal portajohns available between a cinder block building with a metal roof and the Thomas Burleigh Memorial Ball Field, near a large Lions pavilion in the park. There may also be restrooms available at some businesses along the route, at Alumni Hall on campus when that building is open, and at the library (10K route only) when the library is open.

**The 10K and the 5K routes are the same until they split after Step # 36.**

2. After you park your car, orient yourself. With your back to the grassy field, look for a road between the Citgo and a small white building with green trim. This building is the historic Smythe Park Gate House.

*Smythe Park was the site of the first night football game. There is a plaque on a memorial in the grass near a tall evergreen tree across from the Smythe Park Gate House that explains on September 29, 1892, Mansfield Normal School played Wyoming Seminary and was the first football game played under lights.*

3. Turn so that the grassy field is on your right, and begin walking along the park road, which is called "Mary & Chester Bailey Drive" according to the road sign – but is Dorsett Drive on maps.

4. Stay left at the two intersecting driveways and later at the bus lane near the school, keeping the ball fields on your right.

5. At a stop sign at an intersection in front of Warren L. Miller Elementary School, turn LEFT. You are actually still on Dorsett Dr because the Dorsett bends left here at this intersection.

6. Walk on the sidewalk on the left up this short road to the stop sign. Holy Child Catholic Church is on the left.

7. Use the crosswalk to carefully cross S Main St. Once across, turn RIGHT onto the sidewalk to walk on the left side of S Main St, aka Business Route 15 .

8. Just after the Laundromat and Car Wash on the left, turn LEFT onto Fourth St. There are no sidewalks on Fourth St, so walk on the left facing traffic.

9. In a very short distance, cross E Main St. (Confusing, isn't it? ☺ )

10. Follow Fourth St to Clinton St just before the gigantic hill ☺. Turn LEFT onto Clinton St.

*On the right after you make the turn is Mansfield University's Mountaineer Baseball at Joseph Shaute Field. You might see a sign for Spaulding Field, but that's the field behind Shaute Field. You can see the sign for Shaute Field just after you pass it, below the scoreboard.*

*Mansfield University traces its heritage back to 1857, as Mansfield Classical Seminary. In December 1862, Mansfield Classical Seminary became the Mansfield Normal School, the third state normal school in Pennsylvania. A "Normal School" is an institution created to train teachers by educating them in the "norms of pedagogy and curriculum". In the 19th century in the United States, instruction in normal schools was at the high school level, turning out primary school teachers. Many such schools are now called teacher training colleges or teachers' colleges.*

*Shaute Field is named for "The Sultan of Swat", Joseph Shaute. Joseph Benjamin "Lefty" Shaute (1899-1970) attended Mansfield State Normal School for 2.5 years and earned a teaching certificate. At Mansfield, Shaute played on the baseball, football and basketball teams. He was later drafted to play for the Cleveland Indians. Shaute made his major league debut July 6, 1922. The first batter he faced was Babe Ruth, the player with the third most career homeruns. Shaute struck out "The Babe" on either three or four pitches. He was traded to Brooklyn in 1931 and played three seasons there before ending his major league career in Cincinnati in 1934.*

11. There are no sidewalks on Clinton St in this area, so use caution and walk on the left side of the road. Cross Third St and Second St.

12. A short distance after Second St, carefully cross Clinton St to pick up the sidewalk that now begins on the right side of the road.

13. Continue past First St, which comes in from the left. Across from the Rod C. Kelchner Fitness Center on your left, turn RIGHT and go up the steps alongside the Mansfield University Police Department building. Stay to the right at the intersecting sidewalks, continuing up a second set of steps to a T-intersection with another sidewalk in front of a brick building (Oak Residence Hall, but there is no sign here. There is an F above the main entrance before you).

14. Turn LEFT at the sidewalk T-intersection, walking toward Sycamore Hall.

15. Carefully cross the road (Morris Rd, no sign) in the crosswalk and continue on the wide sidewalk in front of Sycamore Hall.

16. Just before the next road, there is a set of steps on the left followed by a short sidewalk diagonally to the left. Bear LEFT on that sidewalk and cross the road to a concrete wall that reads "Manser Hall".

17. Turn LEFT onto the sidewalk in front of the concrete “Manser Hall” wall for a short distance to the corner. Then turn RIGHT, following the brick walkway. This area is “The Student Mall”. Walk to the clock, which was a gift from the Classes of 1950 & 1951 (**ROCKIN’ AROUND THE CLOCK Special Program**).

18. Continue past the clock on the brick sidewalk, curving right, past Alumni Hall Student Center and Bookstore on the left. The tall brick building on the right is North Hall. There are **RESTROOMS** as well as a coffee bar and snacks in Alumni Hall when the building is open.

*The majestic Victorian-era North Hall was originally known as “The Ladies Building”. It was originally built in 1874 and housed the women’s dormitory. Today the building includes one of the most elegant libraries in the US.*

19. Bear left to walk down the steps with the blue-tiled wall on your left and North Hall ahead and to the right.

20. As of the writing of these directions, there was a construction fence blocking the sidewalk between North Hall and Alumni Hall. So turn LEFT onto the sidewalk that goes diagonally to the left just after the steps. At the end of the diagonal sidewalk, turn RIGHT and descend the steps. Continue down more steps and then on the sidewalk closest to the building (Memorial Hall). Go straight through the outdoor patio area with the red picnic tables and as the patio wraps around the building to the right. After the red picnic tables, go up the steps. North Hall will be in front of you.

21. Turn LEFT on the sidewalk. The Mansfield University Bell is right there, on your left.

*After the bell, there are two rocks with plaques on them. The second plaque honors the 500 young men and young women from the Mansfield State Normal School who gave their service to our country during World War I, including eight who lost their lives. (**WALKING WITH AMERICA’S VETERANS Special Program**)*

22. Go down the steps in front of you, cross the road in the crosswalk and walk toward the front of Straughn Hall with its ornate mosaics.

23. Turn left on the sidewalk, and then follow the sidewalk as it turns right and goes down some steps. Descend the next set of steps on the left and continue on the sidewalk ahead of you.

24. You are now in front of an angled building with flagpoles in front, Elliot Hall. Continue following the sidewalk as it curves to the left following the shape of Elliot Hall.

25. When you get near the road and see a set of steps ahead and toward the left that go up to the road, turn RIGHT on the sidewalk, keeping Elliot Hall on your right.

26. Continue to just before a bed of rocks, and turn to your left to face Straughn Road. Memorial Hall is across the road and to your left.

27. Cross Straughn Road and continue on the sidewalk straight ahead of you on the left side of the road. You are now walking on Academy Rd (no sign here).

28. Pass Alumni & South Halls on your left. Pass College Ave on the right, then College Pl on your left (on campus).

29. Pass The Graydon Scott South Academy Street Playground on your right (**PAR FOR THE COURSE Special Program**).

30. Cross First St. Turn RIGHT onto Second St, crossing Academy and walk on the sidewalk on the right side of Second St.

31. Cross Saint James St. Cross an unmarked street – it is E Main St (confusing!!). The sidewalk ends here, but you only need to walk a short distance to the stop sign ahead.

32. Turn RIGHT onto S Main St at the stop sign.

33. Pass First St on the right. Then also on the right, pass Crossroads Bed & Breakfast, a Southern Georgian home built in 1936. It has gardens in the front that is especially beautiful when the flowers are in bloom.

34. Continue on S Main St. After the Citgo gas station on the left (your car is in Smythe Park behind the Citgo), carefully cross E Main St (which comes in diagonally from the right) in the crosswalk ahead of you, and continue on the sidewalk on the right side of S Main St.

35. Cross College Ave. As you approach the intersection with US-6 (Wellsboro St), look to your left across S Main St to see the Mansfield Municipal Building and Mansfield Borough Office (**TOWN HALLS/CITY HALLS Special Program**).

36. Continue on S Main St to the light, which is the intersection with US-6 (Wellsboro St). There is a huge World War 1 Memorial painted on the side of the brick building ahead of you (**WALKING WITH AMERICA’S VETERANS Special Program**). The brick building houses the Night and Day Café, which is a pretty tasty place to grab coffee or lunch. THE 10K AND THE 5K ROUTES SPLIT HERE.

37. (5K ONLY): Turn LEFT at the light, crossing Main St to walk on the sidewalk on the left side of US-6 (Wellsboro St). Skip to Step # 61.

38. (10K ONLY): Use the pedestrian signal to carefully cross US-6 (Wellsboro St) in the crosswalk to the WW1 Memorial.

39. S Main St becomes N Main St after crossing US-6. This is the heart of downtown Mansfield. Continue walking on the sidewalk on the right side of N Main St.

40. Pass a historic sign about Rural Electrification.

41. At Center St on the left, is an old house with interesting architecture including a center tower. I thought it would make a really neat B&B, but my husband doesn’t seem to want to buy it for me. ☺

42. Cross Sherwood St on the right. At the next intersection, cross and turn RIGHT onto Elmira St. (The sign for Elmira St is on the other side of N Main St.)

*On the left at the corner of N Main St and Elmira St is the Mansfield Free Public Library – which is a Carnegie Library! If the library is open, **RESTROOMS** are available. You have to ask for the key at the desk.*

43. Walk on the sidewalk on the left side of Elmira St. Cross Academy St. Cross and turn LEFT onto the next road on the left, which is Extension St. Walk on the sidewalk on the right side of Extension St.

44. Continue following Extension St as it bears to the right and starts going uphill. The sidewalk ends right before Prospect St. Here, carefully cross Extension St and continue uphill on Extension St carefully walking on the left side facing traffic.

45. Pass Oakwood Cemetery on the right, and then Wakefield Terrace on the left. Continue walking on the left side of Extension St.

46. Turn LEFT onto Garside St across from the Church of the New Covenant & Academy. Garside St has no sidewalks, so walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.

47. At the stop sign, turn RIGHT onto Vosburg St for a short distance. Pass Brooks Lane on the left.

48. At the stop sign, turn LEFT onto Decker St, which also has no sidewalks. Walk on the left side of Decker St, facing traffic. Pass Rieppel St on the right.

49. At the stop sign, turn LEFT onto N Main St. Walk on the sidewalk on the left side of N Main St. Pass N Hill Terrace and Mann St, which are both on the right side of N Main St. Pass Prospect Cemetery, which is also on the right side of N Main St. Cross Prospect St, which is on the left side of N Main St.

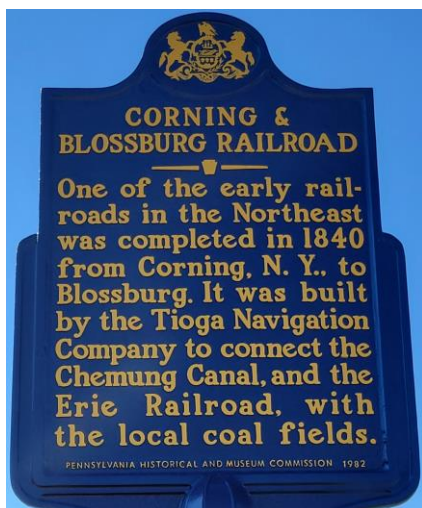
50. Continue on N Main St to an apartment complex on the left, the Commons at Mansfield. This is across the street from a strip mall that includes a CVS and a Pizza Hut. Carefully cross N Main St in the crosswalk to get to the side with the strip mall.

51. The other end of the crosswalk is at Corey St, which goes to the left of the strip mall. There is a brown sign here for the "Hike & Bike Trail". Follow Corey St as it curves around the back of the strip mall. In the back of the strip mall, Corey St turns left at the Mansfield Borough Shop (this doesn't look obvious). Turn left here to keep following Corey St and the brown Hike & Bike Trail signs.

52. Corey St leads to the trailhead for the Hike & Bike Trail. There is a small parking lot there and it is next to the Mansfield Wastewater Treatment Plant.

53. Turn RIGHT onto the asphalt trail that is next to the parking lot. The official name of this trail is the Lambs Creek Hike & Bike Trail **(RAILS-TO-TRAILS Special Program)**.

This trail is partially a rail-trail that follows some of the old line of the Corning and Blossburg Railroad. There is an informational sign about this railroad at the Citgo gas station next to Smythe Park, but here is a picture of that sign with more info about the railroad.



54. Follow the Hike & Bike Trail for not quite one kilometer as it curves and then goes up a short incline to the top of a dyke. There is a bench on the right here. This is your turn-around point.

55. Turn around here at the bench and return back to the parking lot. Then follow (unmarked) Corey St around the Mansfield Borough Shop and the strip mall, back to N Main St.

56. Turn RIGHT onto N Main St, following the sidewalk on the right side of the road. Along the way, you will pass houses, churches and businesses.

57. Pass McDonalds on the left. Cross Novelty Place on the right. Cross Elmira St (Library on the right with restrooms when open). Pass a small museum on the right, the "Museum of Us in the 1849 Church, The History Center on Main Street".

58. Continue on N Main St back into town, all the way to the traffic light. On the right is a coffee shop Ten West Espresso that also has antiques, and Yorkholo Brewing Company (BEER!).

59. At the light, look for a plaque in memory of Professor Fordyce A. Allen. The plaque marks the site of the Mansfield Soldiers Orphan School from 1867 to 1889. Below is a picture of the Orphan School that once stood at this



intersection. Compare it with what you see here now.

60. Cross and turn RIGHT onto US-6 to walk on the sidewalk on the left side of US-6.

61. **THE 10K AND THE 5K ROUTES RE-JOIN HERE** Just after the Sunoco station, carefully cross Besanceney Dr. Continue past North Penn – Mansfield Junior/Senior High School.

62. Continue on the sidewalk on US-6 (Wellsboro St), carefully crossing Dorsett Dr (no sign, but it looks like a driveway into the high school). Cross the Mansfield Veterans Memorial Bridge (**WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS Special Program**) over the Tioga River.

63. After the river and before the Sheetz gas station, follow the sidewalk as it curves LEFT onto Brooklyn St.

64. Turn LEFT on the sidewalk into the Mansfield Veterans Memorial Park (**WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS Special Program**).

65. After visiting the Veterans Memorial, return to Brooklyn Dr and turn RIGHT.

66. Curve RIGHT on the sidewalk of US-6 (Wellsboro St) and again cross the Mansfield Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Tioga River.

67. Turn RIGHT onto Dorsett Dr (no sign, but it's just before the high school), and follow it past the Do Not Enter sign it through the parking lot of the high school – keeping the building on your left. Continue on Dorsett Dr as it curves around the high school and pool – with its blue and yellow paw prints - into Smythe Park, and follow it back to your car.

**Special Programs for this walk:**

- Rockin' Around the Clock (Alumni Gift Clock on the campus of Mansfield State University)
- Par for the Course (The Graydon Scott South Academy Street Playground)
- Walking with America's Veterans (WW1 Plaque on Mansfield State University Campus, World War I Memorial in town, Mansfield Veterans Memorial Bridge, Mansfield Veterans Memorial Park)
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